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LATENT HEAT BODY WITH PORE STRUCTURE
AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND
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International Search Report references DE 84 08 966 and DE 43 07 065, are also disclosed and discussed in the specification e.g. on pages 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 13, 19 and 20. The latter is incorporated therein by reference as well as is PCT/EP98/01956 (WO 98/53264) (copy enclosed) which may not a prior publication and which is also disclosed e.g. on pages 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 13, 19 and 20 of the specification, as well as is DE 198 36 048.7 which may not be a prior publication and is not listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 and also is disclosed and discussed e.g. on page 7 of the specification.

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This submission meets the requirements of 37 CFR §1.56, 1.97 and 1.98(a) and MPEP 609.

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